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World Pulses Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling resolution 10/2017 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, adopted on 7 July 2017,[1]

Recognizing the success of the International Year of Pulses 2016, declared by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/231 of 20 December 2013, which raised the

[1] See *Report of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Fortieth Session, Rome, 3–8 July 2017* (C 2017/REP).

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role of pulses in contributing to sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition,

Noting that pulse crops such as lentils, beans, peas and chickpeas are one of the sources of plant-based proteins and amino acids for a healthy diet for people around the globe, and recognizing that the high iron content of pulses, when combined with food high in vitamin C, makes them a potent food for replenishing iron stores, particularly for women of reproductive age, as well as a source of plant-based protein for animals,

Recognizing that pulses are leguminous plants that have nitrogen-fixing properties which can contribute to increasing soil fertility and have a positive impact on the environment,

Recognizing also that in many countries women have the primary responsibility for the cultivation of pulses and recognizing further the importance of empowering the women who grow them,

Recognizing further the potential of pulses to further the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recalling that health organizations recommend a healthy diet, which may include pulses, to optimize nutrition as well as to help prevent and manage chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, coronary conditions and cancer,

Affirming the need to continue to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of eating a variety of food, including pulses, and affirming also the contribution of pulses to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the need to further promote sustainable agriculture,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General on activities during the International Year of Pulses, 2016;[2]

2. *Decides* to designate 10 February as World Pulses Day;

3. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations, the private sector and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to observe World Pulses Day in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities;

4. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the observance of World Pulses Day, in collaboration with other relevant organizations, mindful of provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67;

5. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders for appropriate observance.

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[2] A/73/287.